

Warner Park



Nature Center

# 2015 Summer Schedule

+ The **"Nuthatch News"** e-newsletter is an easy way to stay in touch with Warner Park Nature Center—program updates, nature happenings, volunteer opportunities, special event announcements, and much more! E-mail [wpnc@nashville.gov](mailto:wpnc@nashville.gov) to add your name to the list!

+ Remember the **Warner Parks app**! It features an interactive map that will indicate your exact location in the park (like a GPS!). Isn't it time you stopped getting lost in Warner Parks? Search Nashville's 'Natural Areas' in your phone provider's app store & download today!

+ Summertime means **Full Moon Pickin' Parties**! Single event tickets and season tickets available. The best part is that all proceeds benefit Warner Parks! Visit [www.warnerparks.org](http://www.warnerparks.org) for more information.

+ Mark **Insects of the Night**, Friday, July 17, on your calendar! Dress up as your favorite nighttime insect & help us celebrate these wonderful critters!

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## Warner Park Nature Center

**Hours:** Tuesday thru Saturday,  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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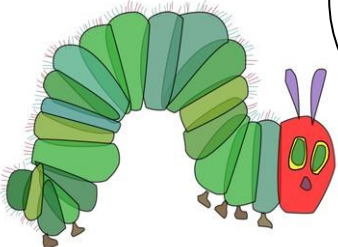
**Percy and Edwin Warner Parks:** Open 7  
days a week, sunrise to 11 p.m.

### Friends of Warner Parks:

615-370-8053

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# JUNE



Look for me & it  
means you can  
register online  
for free!



## Milkweed Village

Wednesday, June 3  
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: 6-12 years  
Registration opens  
May 19

Insects love milkweed! Come learn about the beetles, bugs and butterflies (especially Monarchs!) that depend on milkweed, and learn how to help monarchs in your own backyard!  
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

## Monarchs & Milkweed

Wednesday, June 3  
6-7 p.m.

Age level: Adults  
Registration opens  
May 19

Monarch butterflies are losing habitat and milkweed, a vital food source, at an alarming rate. Discover how you can support monarch migration and take home some milkweed from Warner Park!  
Leaders: Kim Bailey and Vera Vollbrecht

## Bees and Basswoods at Beech Grove

Friday, June 5  
6-7:30 p.m.

Age Level: All ages  
Registration opens  
May 22



Basswood, also called the "Bee Tree," is a favorite tree of bees and bee lovers. Let's meet at Beech Grove and learn the connections between basswoods, bees, and honey!  
Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Rachel Anderson

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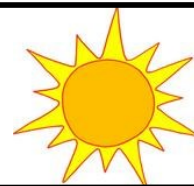
**Summer  
StoryWalk®  
Kickoff!**

Saturday, June 6  
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages

Registration not required

Our StoryWalk® will feature a new book beginning in June! We hope everyone liked our spring book posted along the Little Acorn Trail. Now come enjoy our summer one! Coordinator: Rachel Koch



**JUNE**

**National  
Trails  
Days®**

Saturday, June 6  
9 a.m.-noon &  
1-4 p.m.



Age level: Adults  
Register online or  
call to register

Share your love of the Parks by teaming up with "Friends" for a fun-filled day of helpful hiking. You can join with others across the country and celebrate with us all day as we give some of the most popular trails around a little TLC.  
Leader: Paul Fowler

**The Magic  
of Monarch  
Butterflies**

Saturday, June 6  
10-11 a.m.



Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
May 21

Monarch butterflies are beautiful, fascinating, and need your help! Learn all about metamorphosis, host plants, go on a monarch scavenger hunt, and take home some milkweed to plant in your yard.  
Leader: Vera Vollbrecht

**Time  
Travel on  
the Natchez Trace!**

Wednesday, June 10  
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: 6-12 years  
Registration opens  
May 26

Take a step back in time and meet colorful characters from the past as you stroll along the Natchez Trace, but watch out for the notorious Harpe Brothers- you never know where they will turn up! This historic reenactment is a one-of-a-kind program you won't want to miss!  
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

**Owl  
Evening**



Friday, June 12  
8-9:30 p.m.

Age level: 8 years and up  
Registration opens  
May 28

Learn about and listen for the hoots, howls, screeches, and whinnies of Warner Parks' resident owls on this evening walk through the Park.  
Leader: Vera Vollbrecht

**Creek Crawl'**

Saturday, June 13  
10-11 a.m.



Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
May 29

Wear clothes and shoes to get wet as we explore Vaughn's Creek for salamanders, crawdads, and more.  
Leader: Nature Center Staff

**Art Show  
Opening: Trees  
and Trails of  
Serenity**

Saturday, June 13  
4-6 p.m.

Age level: Adults  
Registration not required



Warner Park Nature Center's summer art show, "Trees and Trails of Serenity: A Tribute to the Natural Beauty of the Warner Parks," features the atmospheric landscape paintings and drawings of local artist Jamshid Khoshnoodi. Exhibit runs June-August.  
Coordinator: Vera Vollbrecht

**Printmaking  
Inspired by  
Nature with the  
FRIST Center for  
the Visual Arts**

Wednesday, June 17  
10 a.m.-noon



Age level: 6-12 years  
Registration opens  
June 2

Budding artists will enjoy this hands-on art program inspired by the upcoming Frist Center exhibition, Postcards of the Wiener Werkstätte. Participants will hike, sketch, and document images of nature, then learn the printmaking process and create original prints and postcards based on observations made in the Park.  
Leaders: Shaun Giles, FRIST Center for the Visual Arts, Nature Center Staff, and Volunteers

**Vultures: Our  
Scavenging  
Raptors**

Saturday, June 20  
10-11:30 a.m.

Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
June 5

They're big. They're social. They are our winged clean-up crew! If you've ever wondered how a vulture can eat road-kill and live, this is the program for you! Join us at our vulture feeding station to get an up-close look at these fascinating, but often misunderstood, birds.  
Leaders: Rachel Anderson and Vera Vollbrecht



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## Summer Solstice Celebration

Saturday, June 20  
7:30-9:30 p.m.



Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
June 5– Register online  
or call the nature center

Revel in the magic of a summer evening on the longest day of the year! We'll celebrate the Summer Solstice "family style" with a campfire, stories, activities, and s'mores as daylight turns to night. Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Vera Vollbrecht

## Flying Free

Wednesday, June 24  
10 a.m.-noon



Age level: 6-12 years  
Registration opens June 2

Soaring, flying, coasting, whirling, gliding... come explore all things that move through the sky! Craft stunt, glider and dart paper airplanes, discover how birds and insects fly, and watch the aviators put their model airplanes through some amazing acrobatics. Leaders: Edwin Warner Park Model Aviators, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

## Full Moon Pickin' Party

Friday, June 26  
7-11 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased through  
[www.nowplayingnashville.com](http://www.nowplayingnashville.com)

Age level: All ages

Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food and drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve Warner Parks. Coordinator: Paul Fowler and Patrice Nelson, FOWP

## Summer Sense-sations!

Friday, June 26  
8-9 p.m.



Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
June 11

Use your 5 senses to explore Warner Parks at night during this nocturnal experience. Leader: Heather Gallagher

## Bugs, Bees, and Beautiful Beetles !



Saturday, June 27  
10-11:30 a.m.

Age level: 6 years & up  
Registration opens  
June 12

Get an up-close look at some of our most amazing insects! We will use magnifying glasses and microscopes to help us explore the world of bees, beetles, butterflies and more. Leader: Rachel Anderson

# JULY

## Stalking the Predator

Wednesday, July 1  
10 a.m.-noon  
Age Level: 6-12 years  
Registration opens  
June 17

Predators are an important part of the food chain. Head over to the Nature Center where we will stalk the different predators who live in the park. Leaders: Nature Center Staff

## Butterfly ID Class

Thursday, July 2  
9-11 a.m.



Age level: Adult  
Call to register

Can you name the beautiful butterflies flitting about your yard? Join us for a class in butterfly id followed by time in the field to hone your skills. Leader: Kim Bailey & Melissa Donahue

## Family Movie Night: 'Rio'



Friday, July 3  
8:30-10 p.m.



Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
June 18

What's more fun than watching a movie? Watching a movie outside! Bring a picnic blanket or sleeping bag and pillow, and we'll provide the freshly popped popcorn! Leader: Rachel Anderson

## Whatever Floats Your Boat

Wednesday, July 8  
10 a.m.-noon

Ages level: 6-12 years  
Registration opens  
June 23

Enjoy a day cooling off in the Little Harpeth River as we build, float, sink and rebuild natural boats! From simple leaf boats to complex stick barges, we will experiment to discover the best design that floats your boat! Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

## Firefly Hike!

Friday, July 10  
7:30-9 p.m.

Age level: All Ages  
Registration opens  
June 25

Come enjoy the fireflies as we hike the meadows and woods of Warner Park and watch day fade into night. Leader: Kim Bailey








## Red, White and You

Saturday, July 11  
9 a.m.-noon

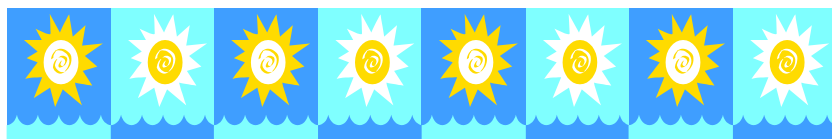
Age level: Adults  
Call to register

Roll up your sleeves and show off the true colors of your volunteer spirit, brown dirt included. Join the crew for a morning hike and help us improve and maintain sections of the Mossy Ridge and Warner Woods Trails. Leader: Paul Fowler

Registration is required and space is limited. Call 615-352-6299 or register online for programs.

<b>North American Butterfly Count</b>	Saturday July 11th 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Age level: Adult Call to register	Join us for our official July North American Butterfly Count. Gain experience in the field identifying butterflies while contributing to important park and national research! Leader: Kim Bailey
<b>All About the Birds and Bees</b>	Saturday, July 11 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens June 26- Register online or call the nature center 	The birds and bees are busy this summer visiting flowers, raising babies, and feasting on the abundance of the nature center grounds and garden. We'll go searching for and learn all about our resident birds and bees. Leader: Vera Vollbrecht
<b>Indian Springs Exploration</b>	Wednesday, July 15 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens June 30	Join us as we explore the beautiful woods surrounding Indian Springs! Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
<b>Insects of the Night</b>	Friday, July 17 7-9 p.m.  Age level: All Ages Registration opens July 2 	Come dressed as your favorite beetle, butterfly, or bug and enjoy the many family friendly activities that celebrate nocturnal insects! We'll have games, night hikes, crafts, and insect explorations galore! Coordinators: Kim Bailey, with Nature Center Staff and Volunteers	
<b>Flying Colors</b>	Saturday July 18 10-11:30 a.m.	Age Level: All ages Registration opens July 2	How many different colors can you find on butterfly wings? Join me in the field where we will observe and count the flitting colors of the butterflies. Leaders: Melissa Donahue
<b>Garden Cooking</b>	Wednesday, July 22 10 a.m.-noon	Age Level: 6-12 years Registration opens July 7	The organic garden is full of delicious fresh vegetables. Using this bountiful produce, let's create a nutritious and tasty treat. Leader: Nature Center Staff
<b>Family Campfire in the Park</b>	Friday, July 24 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens July 9 	Enjoy a summer campfire while listening to and sharing songs and stories. Leader: Heather Gallagher 
<b>It's Blazin' Hot!</b>	Saturday, July 25 10-11 a.m.	 Age level: All ages Registration opens July 10	Come to the Nature Center to learn about ways animals stay cool when it's blazin' hot outside. Leader: Nature Center Staff
<b>Happy Hummingbirds</b>	 Wednesday, July 29 10 a.m.-noon	Age level: 6-12 years old Registration opens July 14	Learn about our smallest bird during this program just for school-aged children. Leader: Heather Gallagher and Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
<b>Full Moon Pickin' Party</b>	Friday, July 31 7-11 p.m.  Tickets may be purchased through <a href="http://www.nowplayingnashville.com">www.nowplayingnashville.com</a>	Age level: All ages	Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food and drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve Warner Parks. Coordinator: Paul Fowler and Patrice Nelson, FOWP

# AUGUST



## Growing in the Garden

Saturday, August 8  
10-11 a.m.

Age level: All ages  
Registration opens July 24

Tomatoes and peppers and herbs, oh my! Let's taste a few garden goodies. Leader: Nature Center Staff

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<b>Summer Salsa</b>	Friday, August 14 5:30-7 p.m.	Age Level: All Ages Call to register	Salsa can be a genre of music, an exuberant dance or a delicious delicacy. Mambo over to the Nature Center where we will craft this tasty treat. Leaders: Vera Vollbrecht and Melissa Donahue
<b>Splash the Trash</b>	Saturday, August 15 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Age level: Adults Register online or call the nature center	The dog days of summer are here! Beat the heat, get wet and have fun by volunteering to help pick up trash all along the banks and waterways of the Little Harpeth River. Leader: Paul Fowler
<b>International Garden Cooking: A Taste of Japan</b>	Wednesday, August 19 5-7:30 p.m.	Age level: Adults Registration opens August 4	Explore the tastes of Japan in this cooking class using garden fresh vegetables and herbs. Come prepared to chop and dice, then enjoy a delicious meal! Leader: Naoko Takeda and Kim Bailey
<b>Homeschool Journeys: Reptiles</b>	Thursday, August 13 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. OR 1:30-3 p.m.	Age level: 5-13 years Registration opens July 29	Designed just for homeschool students, this program will provide a grade/age appropriate science-based field experience focusing on observation, identification, and habitats of snakes, turtles, and lizards. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
<b>Snake and Salamander Hunt</b>	Saturday, August 15 10-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens July 31	Wear your creek-stompin' shoes to investigate Vaughn's Creek. We'll look for water snakes, zigzag salamanders, and broad-headed skinks! Leader: Nature Center staff
<b>Dragons, Damsels, and Monarchs</b>	Saturday, August 22 9:30-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens August 7	Do you enjoy watching royalty? These royal creatures are residing in Warner Park. Join me at the Nature Center where we will observe the habits and habitat of royalty. Leader: Melissa Donahue
<b>Know Your Naturalist</b>	Saturday, August 22 1-3 p.m.	Age level: 8-12 years Registration opens August 7	Are you fascinated and happiest when you are observing animals and plants? Do you wish you could make a difference in the world by sharing your love of nature? If so, then maybe you are on your way to becoming a naturalist! This program series will be offered each quarter, focusing on historic and local naturalists who inspired and shaped our understanding of nature and conservation. Leader: Rachel Koch
<b>Full Moon Pickin' Party</b>	Friday, August 28 7-11 p.m.	Age level: All ages	Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food and drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve Warner Parks. Coordinator: Paul Fowler and Patrice Nelson, FOWP
<b>Celebrate Hummingbirds</b>	Saturday, August 29 9:30-3 p.m.	Age level: All ages No registration required	Bid farewell to our smallest bird as they migrate south! Crafts, games, puppet shows and more will celebrate these jewels of the sky. Leaders: Heather Gallagher, Sandy Bivens, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
<b>Our Ruby-throated Hummingbirds</b>	Saturday, August 29 11 a.m.-noon	Age level: 8 years & up Call to register	Unlock the mysteries of your hummingbirds at this Q & A session about your favorite birds. Leader: Heather Gallagher

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### *Directions to Warner Park Nature Center*

**From Nashville**, take Interstate 40 west to exit 199 (Old Hickory Blvd.), turn left and follow Old Hickory Blvd. for 4 miles to Hwy. 100. Then, turn left and go 0.2 miles to the Edwin Warner Park entrance and turn right into the Park. Follow the Park drive to the left for 0.3 miles to the Nature Center.

**From the south or southeast**, follow Old Hickory Blvd. north to Hwy. 100. Turn left and go 0.3 miles to the Edwin Warner Park entrance and turn left into the Park. Follow the Park drive to the left for 0.3 miles to the Nature Center.

### *Directions to Edwin Warner Park Picnic Shelter Areas*

**From I-40 West**, get off I-40 at exit 199-Old Hickory Boulevard. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left at the light. Follow Old Hickory Boulevard approximately 3 miles to Highway 100. At the light, turn left. At the next light, turn right onto Old Hickory Blvd (just past the Nature Center campus). Turn right at the next light onto Vaughn Road. The entrance to Edwin Warner Park Picnic Shelter areas #2-11 is the 3rd right turn. Shelter #1 is the 2nd right turn.

**From West Nashville**, travel west on West End (70S) out of town and through Belle Meade. Bear left onto Highway 100 at the split in Belle Meade. Pass one set of big stone gates (Deep Well entrance on the left). Continue until you reach Old Hickory Boulevard. Turn left onto Old Hickory Boulevard. Turn right at the next light onto Vaughn Road. The entrance to the picnic shelter areas #2-11 is the 3rd right. Shelter #1 is the 2nd right turn.

**From Brentwood and I-65**, travel west on Old Hickory Boulevard from Brentwood, toward Highway 100. Pass the Harpeth Hills Golf course and Steeplechase on your right and the Edwin Warner ball fields on the left. At the light, turn left onto Vaughn Road. The entrance to the picnic shelter areas #2-11 is the 3rd right. Shelter #1 is the 2nd right turn.

*For picnic shelter reservations, please contact Metro Parks and Recreation.*

*Hours: 8 a.m.-noon., Monday-Friday*

*Phone: (615) 862-8408*

